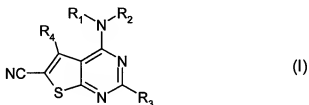


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 6. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Deletions appear in ~~strike through font~~, and additions are underlined.

**Complete listing of claims**

- 1) (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein

- R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> either
  - (a) independently represent :
    - (i) a hydrogen atom
    - (ii) a group chosen from alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl group is independently and optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from halogen atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, hydroxycarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, mono- and di-alkylaminoacyl, oxo, amino, and mono- and di-alkylamino groups; or
    - (iii) a group of formula



wherein n is an integer from 0 to 4 and R<sup>6</sup> represents a  
cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl group;

or

(b) R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 3- to 8-membered ring comprising from 1 to 4 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, which ring is saturated or unsaturated and optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from halogen atoms, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, acyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylenedioxy, amino, mono- and di-alkylamino, mono- and di-alkylaminoacyl, nitro, cyano and trifluoromethyl groups;

- R<sub>3</sub> is a group of formula



wherein n is an integer from 0 to 4 and G represents a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl or heteroaryl group comprising from zero to four heteroatoms which group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from:

- halogen atoms;
- alkyl and alkylene groups, wherein each alkyl and alkylene group is independently optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from halogen atoms; and

- (iii) phenyl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkylenedioxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, amino, mono- and di-alkylamino, acylamino, nitro, acyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, difluoromethoxy and trifluoromethoxy groups;

- ~~R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom,~~ an alkyl or an aryl group;

with the proviso that the compound of formula (I) is not 5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-morpholin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile.

- 2) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> either:

- a) independently represent hydrogen or a group chosen from an alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl group independently has from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and each is independently optionally substituted by one hydroxy group or a cycloalkyl group having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms;

or

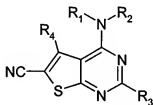
- b) R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 4- to 6-membered ring having from 1 to 2 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, which ring is optionally substituted by one or two C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups, wherein each C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group is independently unsubstituted or substituted by one hydroxy group.

- 3) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> either:

- a) represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms
- or
- b) forms together with R<sub>2</sub> and with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 4- to 6-membered ring having from 1 to 2 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen and oxygen, which ring is optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from halogen atoms, alkyl and acyl groups.

4) (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:

~~according to claim 4,~~



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

- R<sub>1</sub>

(a) independently represents :

- (iv) a hydrogen atom
- (v) a group chosen from alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl group is independently and optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from halogen atoms, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, hydroxycarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl,

mono- and di-alkylaminoacyl, oxo, amino, and mono- and di-alkylamino groups; or

(vi) a group of formula



wherein n is an integer from 0 to 4 and R<sup>6</sup> represents a cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl group;

wherein R<sub>2</sub> either:

a) represents a group chosen from alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl and di-alkylamino groups;

or

b) forms together with R<sub>1</sub> and with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 4- to 6-membered ring comprising from 1 to 2 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen and oxygen, which ring is optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from halogen atoms, alkyl and acyl groups,

- R<sub>3</sub> is a group of formula



wherein n is an integer from 0 to 4 and G represents a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl or heteroaryl group comprising from zero to four heteroatoms which group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from:

- (iii) halogen atoms;
- (iv) alkyl and alkylene groups, wherein each alkyl and alkylene group is  
independently optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen  
from halogen atoms; and
- (iii) phenyl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkylendioxy, aryloxy, alkylthio,  
amino, mono- and di-alkylamino, acylamino, nitro, acyl,  
hydroxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, difluoromethoxy and  
trifluoromethoxy groups; and
- R<sub>4</sub> represents an alkyl or an aryl group;  
with the proviso that the compound of formula (I) is not 5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-morpholin-  
4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile.  
with the proviso that the compound of formula (I) is not 5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-morpholin-  
4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile.
- 5) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>3</sub>  
represents a group of formula



wherein n is an integer from 0 to 4 and G represents a monocyclic aryl or heteroaryl  
group comprising zero or one heteroatoms, which aryl or heteroaryl group is  
optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from:

- (i) halogen atoms; and

- (ii) unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkylenedioxy, nitro, trifluoromethyl and unsubstituted alkoxy carbonyl groups having a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl portion.
- 6) (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, an unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl or an unsubstituted C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> aryl group.
- 7) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 6, wherein R<sub>4</sub> represents an unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group.
- 8) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents a group chosen from phenyl, pyridyl and benzyl groups, wherein the phenyl, pyridyl and benzyl groups are optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from:
- (i) halogen atoms; and
- (ii) unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy, unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkylenedioxy, nitro, trifluoromethyl and unsubstituted alkoxy carbonyl groups having a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl portion.
- 9) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 8, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents a phenyl or benzyl group substituted by one, two or three C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy groups.
- 10) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 9 wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom and R<sub>2</sub> represents
- (i) a group chosen from alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl group is independently optionally substituted by one or more substituents chosen from halogen atoms, hydroxy,

alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, hydroxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-alkylaminoacyl, oxo, amino, and mono- and di-alkylamino groups; or

(ii) a group of formula



wherein n is an integer from 0 to 4 and R<sup>6</sup> represents a cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl group.

11) (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 chosen from:

4-(4-Ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-phenylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(4-Ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-phenylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-4-piperidin-1-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-piperidin-1-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-piperidin-1-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-4-piperazin-1-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-pyrrolidin-1-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-piperazin-1-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-piperazin-1-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Dibutylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Ethyl(methyl)amino]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(diethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Dimethylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-morpholin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-morpholin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-[methyl(prop-2-ynyl)amino]thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-[ethyl(methyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Allyl(methyl)amino]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-morpholin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-4-morpholin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-4-(diethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-methyl-4-morpholin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Ethyl(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-pyridin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Ethyl(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-Benzyl-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-morpholin-4-yl-2-pyridin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-pyridin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-pyridin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-(dimethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-(propylamino)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-Benzyl-4-(diethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-phenylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-morpholin-4-yl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)methylamino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-Diethylamino-2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-(ethylmethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(6-Cyano-4-diethylamino-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester

4-[6-Cyano-4-(ethylmethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl]-benzoic acid methyl ester

2-Benzyl-5-methyl-4-morpholin-4-yl-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-Benzyl-4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)methylamino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

Methyl 4-(6-cyano-5-methyl-4-morpholin-4-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl)benzoate

Methyl 4-[6-cyano-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl]benzoate

Methyl 4-[6-cyano-4-(dimethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl] benzoate

Methyl 4-{6-cyano-4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl}benzoate

5-methyl-4-(methylamino)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Dimethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Ethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(propylamino)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Butylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Isopropylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(sec-Butylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Isobutylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(1-Ethylpropyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(tert-Butylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclopropylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclobutylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclopentylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Allyl(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-[methyl(prop-2-ynyl)amino]-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Methoxyethyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno [2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(3-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(3,5-Dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(4-Acetylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Aminoethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

N-[6-Cyano-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-yl]-beta-alanine

5-Methyl-4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(1H-Imidazol-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(2H-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methyl-4-morpholin-4-ylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methyl-4-(methylamino)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-4-(ethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methyl-4-(propylamino)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclopropylamino)-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclobutylamino)-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-4-(dimethylamino)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-4-[ethyl(methyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Allyl(methyl)amino]-2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-5-methyl-4-[methyl(prop-2-ynyl)amino]thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-4-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl](methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-morpholin-4-yl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

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4-(Ethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile



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4-(Isopropylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(sec-Butylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(1-Ethylpropyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(tert-Butylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclopropylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclobutylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Dimethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Ethyl(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[Allyl(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-[methyl(prop-2-ynyl)amino]-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Methoxyethyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-5-methyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl) thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-(2-phenylethyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Cyclobutylamino)-5-methyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

5-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-(3-phenylpropyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

4-(Diethylamino)-5-methyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

2-(3,5-Dimethoxy-phenyl)-4-[(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-methyl-amino]-5-methyl-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile

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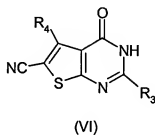
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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. .

- 12) (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of a compound as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

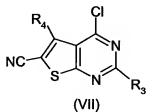
(a) reacting the thienopyrimidinone of formula (VI)



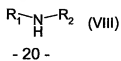
with a chlorinating agent

(b) removing after cooling the excess of chlorinating agent

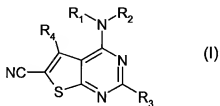
(c) optionally isolating the chlorothienopyrimidine of formula (VII)



(d) reacting the chlorothienopyrimidine of formula (VII) with an amine (VIII)



in a closed atmosphere at temperatures ranging from 40°C to 120 °C to produce a compound of formula (I):



and

(e) optionally preparing a pharmaceutically acceptable salt from a compound of formula (I).

- 13) (Cancelled)
- 14) (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
- 15) (Cancelled)
- 16) (Cancelled)
- 17) (Cancelled)
- 18) (Withdrawn) A method for treating a subject afflicted with a pathological condition or disease susceptible to amelioration by inhibition of PDE7 comprising administering to the said subject an effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1.
- 19) (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 18, wherein the pathological condition or disease is chosen from asthma, atopic dermatitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Crohn's disease, type I and type II diabetes, lymphoid leukemia and other

forms of cancer, multiple sclerosis, allograft rejection after organ transplantation, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, and ulcerative colitis.

20) (Withdrawn) A combination product comprising:

- a) at least one compound according to claim 1; and
- b) at least one compound chosen from (a) PDE4 inhibitors, (b) A<sub>2A</sub> adenosine receptor antagonists, (c) NSAIDs, (d) COX-2 inhibitors, (e) TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitors and (f) steroids;

for simultaneous, separate or sequential use.

21) (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment or prevention of T cell mediated immune diseases and diseases of the airways in a subject comprising administering to the said subject an effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1.

22) (Withdrawn) A composition comprising:

- a) at least one compound according to claim 1; and
- b) at least one compound chosen from (a) PDE4 inhibitors, (b) A<sub>2A</sub> adenosine receptor antagonists, (c) NSAIDs, (d) COX-2 inhibitors, (e) TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitors and (f) steroids.